

PN Exam Transition Work Group Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2022

Attendees

Sandra DeLuca, Tania Pynn, Lisa Janisse, Wendy Ellis, Katie Dilworth, Donna Rawlin

Regrets

Lise Bonin, Erin Tilley

Welcome and introductions

Everyone was thanked for attending the final meeting for this group, which was created to inform the development and implementation of REx-PN, the new RPN regulatory exam.

Pandemic Check-in

Members shared it has been a busy time of year managing pandemic and current faculty labour restrictions. Students remain in clinical with hybrid online/on-site delivery models for most PN programs across the province.

REx-PN Resource Reminders

CNO reviewed student and faculty resources available on CNO/BCCNM and NCSBN websites. The REx-PN website was highlighted as a key student resource to help prepare for exam, which includes information about exam format, access to practice tests, how to select an exam date and what to expect on the day of the exam. Anyone with questions about the REx-PN is encouraged to contact CNO at [REx-PN generic email].

The first annual exam report is anticipated in Spring 2023, after a full year of graduates have written the REx-PN exam. CNO plans to share regular interim reports with each program/school and will arrange 1:1 meetings with each program to discuss their first exam results, once a cohort of graduates have written the exam.

Project Evaluation

The group discussed the overall exam development and implementation process over the past four years, noting the strength of ongoing communication between the academic community and the regulatory body, which really helped disseminate consistent messages to faculty and students. Members reported a wealth of information was available for students and faculty, which really helped alleviate the stress related to a new exam. The group appreciated the small group/monthly meeting format for these consultative meetings, and felt the marketing and communications provided consistent, timely messaging, with opportunity for faculty to participate in online sessions to learn more about the exam. Overall, the group felt this process is a good model for future exam development opportunities.

CNO wishes to extend a special thank you to each PN Exam Transition Work Group participant (present and past). We appreciate your collaboration, time and expertise to help make this exam development and implementation a success, especially during a pandemic! CNO really appreciates your ongoing support and commitment to patient safety.